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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: MILLER, Van Docket No.: 1358-06  
US Serial Number: 10/623,547  
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Title: **Affinity of Bovine-Derived Water for Proper Lactose and Protein  
Solubility in Condensed Milk**  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This is in response to the non-Final Office Action that was issued on September 19, 2006.  
To respond to the Action, included with this submission are: (i) a request for a one month extension of time; (ii) an amended set of claims; and (iii) comments and remarks made in respect of the Office Action.